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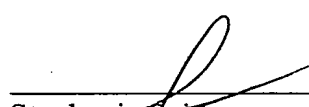
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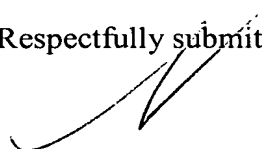
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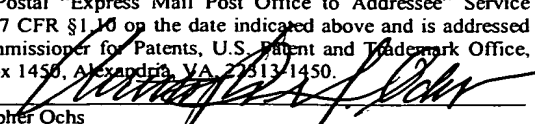
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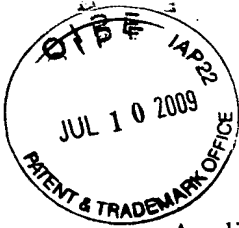
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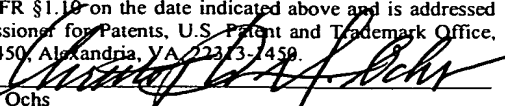
Dear Sir:

Because this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the receipt of a First Office Action on the Merits for the above-captioned application, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all information known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) and copies of the cited non U.S. patent documents are provided herewith.

The documents cited on the Forms PTO-1449 are in the English language. Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed items is necessary.

A copy of an Examiner's Report (Document 1), issued June 16, 2009, in connection with Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-541703, is provided. The table below lists Documents 1 and includes a column that provides a space next to the documents to be considered, for the Examiner's initials.

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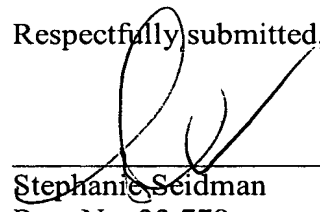
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing documents and they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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